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## MAYOR GAYNOR APOLOGIZES AND CURRAN'S LIBEL SUIT FOR \$100,000 IS DROPPED

Signs a Letter Withdrawing  
His Reflections on the  
Alderman's Honesty.

BOTH SIDES SATISFIED.

Cash Settlement Did not Fig-  
ure, Says Curran's Counsel,  
Ex-Judge Olcott.

Mayor Gaynor settled the libel  
suit brought against him by Gen.  
Bingham for the payment of  
\$10,000 cash.

For the second time Mayor Gaynor  
was apologized and has ended a libel  
suit.

To-day Alderman Henry H. Cur-  
ran's suit against him for \$100,000  
damages was closed with a display of  
correspondence brought about after  
seven jurors had been put in the box  
before Justice Page in Part IV. of the  
Supreme Court.

Mayor Gaynor takes back all that he  
said against the Alderman, who is the  
head of the Curran Graft Committee.  
He explains in his letter of apology  
that while he knew and had evidence to  
prove that Aldermen were collecting  
grat for the giving of licenses to the  
holders of street stand privileges he  
did not mean, after all, that Mr. Curran  
had taken any of that grat.

The libel case for the defense fell flat  
this morning when Stephen C. Baldwin,  
counsel for the Mayor, asked an ad-  
journment. Justice Page granted it and  
Mr. Baldwin and W. M. K. Olcott, coun-  
sel for Mr. Curran, immediately got  
together as to the terms of the apology.  
Mr. Olcott and Mr. Curran talked over  
the matter in one room of the City Hall  
and Mayor Gaynor and Mr. Baldwin  
talked it over in the Mayor's office.  
The two litigants and their counsel  
finally shaped up this correspondence,  
upon which Justice Page permitted the  
discontinuance of the suit:

**MAYOR GAYNOR'S LETTER OF  
APOLOGY.**

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

March 26, 1913.

Dear Mr. Baldwin:  
The suggestion made to me by you  
and Judge Olcott, counsel for Mr.  
Curran, that the suit brought  
against me by Alderman Curran  
should be discontinued meets with  
my approval. I would not in any  
case wish to withstand the joint ad-  
vice of counsel. Much less do I wish  
to do so in this case, for now that  
the evidence of the trafficking in  
licenses for stands and of the pay-  
ment of money for such licenses has  
been collected, there is no evidence  
that Mr. Curran personally partici-  
pated in such graft or received any  
money therefrom.

When I wrote my letter to Mr.  
Curran, of which he complains, I  
had no evidence which had been  
furnished to me by various depart-  
ments and officials, some of it  
sworn to, that such trafficking and  
grafting was taking place through-  
out the city. When I described the  
method by which graft was secured  
in licensing these stands—namely,  
that a certificate of approval would  
be secured from the Alderman of  
the district by a go-between or  
ward heeler, who would hold it up  
and refuse to deliver it until he  
was paid for it—I had ample evi-  
dence thereof before me, and there  
had accumulated before me evi-  
dence that certain persons were  
pursuing this system in Mr. Cur-  
ran's Aldermanic district.

But, as I have said, there is no  
evidence that Mr. Curran ever par-  
ticipated in the payment or receipt  
of such moneys. And I am ex-  
ceedingly glad to believe that he  
did not, and it must be remembered  
that I never directly said that he  
did.

And what pleases me now very  
much is that Mr. Curran in giving  
me his powerful assistance in root-  
ing out this form of graft all over

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## TENDERLOIN SOBS AT MAYOR'S ORDER OF LID ON AT 1 A. M.

Keening of the Cabarets Min-  
gles With the Doleful Dirge  
of the Dives.

GREAT BLACK WAY SOON

Hotel Men and Better Class of  
Cafes, However, Commend  
New Curfew Rule.

The Tenderloin is all torn up to-day  
over the new edict of the Mayor that  
the lid must be on the city at 1 o'clock  
every morning. This means just what it  
says. The Great White Way must be  
the Great Black Way when curfew  
sounds at 1 o'clock in the morning. The  
flap of the grape, the size of the seizer  
into the highball will cease along All  
Night Lane April Fool's Day.

That this is no April Fool joke is ap-  
parent from the tone of the Mayor's  
letter to Police Commissioner Waldo,  
putting on that official the personal  
responsibility of closing up the saloons,  
the cafes, restaurants and all dining  
rooms where liquor is served or sold.  
The night prowler of the cafes must  
seek solace elsewhere—in Hoboken or  
the Bronx. The chorus girl must be  
content with Child's or Dennett's. It's  
the ashcan for the cabaret after 1  
o'clock in the morning.

Forty-second street after 1 o'clock  
must be devoid of color. Broadway and  
the caquet streets pouring into it in  
the roaring Forties must be noiseless  
thoroughfares after 1 o'clock in the  
morning.

**ORDERS ISSUED IN EVERY IN-  
SPECTION DISTRICT.**

At Police Commissioner Waldo's office  
it was said to-day that the order of the  
Mayor would be carried out to the ex-  
treme. All-night licenses for the sale  
of liquor have been revoked. All sal-  
oons, cafes, restaurants, all dining  
rooms in hotels where liquor is served  
or sold are included. Instructions were  
issued to-day to the inspectors in every  
district in every borough to see that the  
order of Mayor Gaynor is carried out to  
the letter. A uniformed policeman will  
be sent into each cafe or restaurant  
shortly before 1 o'clock on the morning  
of April 2—next Tuesday morning—to  
notify the patrons and proprietors that  
the place must be closed on the hour.

A lingering highball on the table may  
be finished. But if a man has two high-  
balls in front of him the second must  
go unattended, otherwise there will be  
a violation of the law. The man serving  
the drink as well as the man swallow-  
ing it will be liable to prosecution.  
Balls or banquets in hotels may be per-  
mitted to endure after the prescribed  
hour, in which case an all night license  
for the night must be secured. This  
will be hard to get, apparently, for the  
Mayor feels that "people can eat  
enough and especially drink or guzzle  
wine and liquor enough by 1 o'clock  
at night."

Many sobs are heard from all-night  
places where proprietors and waiters  
are strangers to the people of New  
York who go to business before 9  
o'clock in the morning. These places,  
where well dressed and bejeweled  
women drink and dance to the music of  
the cabaret until the small hours, de-  
clare that they must go out of busi-  
ness, Pennsylvania, Baltimore and Ohio rail-  
roads miles of track washed out."

**GOOD "SPENDERS" CAN DANCE  
ANY WAY THEY PLEASE.**

Night after night, in such places,  
tables are reserved for the male and  
female wine-bibbers from 11 o'clock  
until closing time, until the end of the  
night is reached in a taxicab, locomotion  
by other means being impossible.  
For other guests, seeking plain dinner  
with red wine perhaps, there is scant  
service and little courtesy. It is the  
"spenders" who are sought and soled  
and courted in these palaces of the  
grape. And whether they dance on the  
table or under the table, or kick over  
the table, the proprietor smiles and adds  
the damage to the bill. And the waiter  
smiles and thinks of the big tip to come.

Says Mayor Gaynor in his letter:  
"The people who patronize such  
places after the regular closing hour  
of 1 o'clock are not, as a rule, decent  
people. They are vulgar, rollocking  
and often openly immodest. They do  
not get intoxicated, behave boisterously  
and indulge in lascivious dancing in  
rooms devoted to that use. It is  
time to put an end to all of these  
vulgar orgies."  
These are the places the proprietors  
of which complain that they will have  
to go out of business. Proprietors and  
managers of the better class of cafes  
and the hotel men commend the Mayor's

## FIRE FOLLOWS BIG FLOOD; 3,671 DEAD IN TWO STATES

Main Street, Business Centre of Dayton,  
Which Was Under Fifteen Feet of Water



## GAYNOR ISSUES CALL ASKING RELIEF FUND FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS

Mayor Gaynor issued the fol-  
lowing message to the people of  
New York to-day:

**TO THE PEOPLE OF THE  
CITY OF NEW YORK:**  
The appalling loss of life and  
disasters from wind and flood  
in the West require that a relief  
fund be made up for the suf-  
ferers. Several citizens have  
already expressed to me their  
wish to contribute.  
I therefore ask the people of  
the city generally to contribute  
to such a fund. I know of no  
respect in which charity could  
be more worthily bestowed at  
the present time, and I am sure  
that the response will be  
adequate to the occasion.  
Contributions may be sent to  
the Mayor's office or to Jacob M.  
Schiff, Treasurer of the Na-  
tional Red Cross Society, at No.  
54 William street, or to the  
Office of the National Red Cross  
Society, at No. 105 East Twenty-  
second street.  
W. J. GAYNOR.

## 100 REPORTED DEAD AT MOUNT VERNON IN WIRELESS MESSAGE.

COLUMBUS, O., March 26.—The elec-  
tric engineering department of the Ohio  
State University this afternoon received  
this message via wireless, from Mt.  
Vernon:  
"Great flood; one hundred lives lost;  
lines all down, outside world cut off;  
thousands of dollars damage done;  
Pennsylvania, Baltimore and Ohio rail-  
roads miles of track washed out."

## SULZER SENDS OFFER OF NEW YORK AID TO GOVERNOR OF OHIO.

ALBANY, March 26.—Gov. Sulzer to-  
day sent the following telegram to  
Gov. Cox of Ohio:  
"I am deeply grieved at the frightful  
disaster which has overwhelmed por-  
tions of your beautiful State and  
worked such havoc to many of your  
people. Through you I extend to the  
people of Ohio the heartfelt sympathy  
of the people of New York, and trust  
the calamity is not as bad as reported.  
If New York State can render any aid  
to her sister State of Ohio, advise me,  
and everything possible to help you  
will be done."

for his action. They say they are not  
only willing to comply with the new  
decree but will be glad to see it en-  
forced to the extreme. In the Times  
law hotels the decree of the Mayor  
will probably be distressing to the all-  
night men, but that they will learn  
to accommodate their wants to the  
new order of things is as certain as  
that the "well" all-night cafes will  
not be "compelled to go out of busi-  
ness."

## SNOW AFTER FLOOD MAY ADD TO THE 545 DEAD IN INDIANA

5,000 Refugees at Peru Marooned in  
Park Without Shelter or Food—  
300 Drowned There, 200  
at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 26.—A heavy snowstorm, following a  
sudden drop in temperature, increased the sufferings of the thousands  
made homeless by floods in northern and central Indiana. The storm  
probably will increase the number of deaths by scores by causing pneu-  
monia and other complications of the cases of those wounded and crushed  
in the floods yesterday and to-day, and the tornadoes earlier in the week.

There are conflicting reports regarding the loss of life at Peru, but  
the greater number of messages which get to the outside world when tele-  
phone communication is re-established from time to time only to be  
broken down again, is that there are 300 dead there.

Two relief parties from South Bend  
are within a few miles of the city,  
fighting to get through the mud and  
wreck and waste of water, and a third  
is on the way. Five thousand refugees  
are reported in a park in a high part  
of the city. They are without food or  
other shelter than the bare branches of  
the trees.

## FLOOD MOVES UPON BIG CITIES TO SOUTH.

There are the gravest fears regarding  
the fate of Terre Haute, Evansville and  
Princeton, which suffer in times of  
ordinarily high water and upon which  
the currents which are subsiding in the  
upper part of the State must descend  
within a few hours with unprecedented  
force. Warnings have been sent to  
all towns in the lower part of the State  
to get residents of sections near the  
river to safety and to prepare havens  
for the shelter of those who must flee.

The estimated loss of life, at first  
believed to be small here, owing to  
warning of the flood, was increased by  
the first news from West Indianapolis,  
telephoned by a staff correspondent of  
the Associated Press who was mar-  
ooned there, that 200 persons at least  
had been drowned on that side of the  
river. Scores of refugees have been brought  
to a landing station at Blaine avenue  
and Morris street, in skiffs and canoes.  
Stories of suffering among the refu-  
gees as they were brought from the  
flooded areas this afternoon are pa-  
thetic. In many cases women and  
children were unconscious from cold

Thousands of Terror-Stricken Persons  
Marooned in Buildings at Day-  
ton as Flames Sweep Above  
Swirling Waters.

## DAYTON'S DEATH LIST NOW REPORTED AT 2,000

Two Hundred Are Said to Have Lost  
Lives at Stratford—Indiana's  
Death Roll Now 545.

## FLOOD'S DEATH TOLL THROUGH TWO STATES.

| REPORTED DEAD IN OHIO.        | REPORTED DEAD IN INDIANA. |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Dayton .....                  | Peru .....                |
| Piqua (unconfirmed) .....     | Indianapolis .....        |
| Stratford (unconfirmed) ..... | Brookville .....          |
| Columbus .....                | Lafayette .....           |
| Tiffin .....                  | Newcastle .....           |
| Delaware .....                |                           |
| Sidney .....                  |                           |
| Middletown .....              |                           |
| Zanesville .....              |                           |
| Fremont .....                 |                           |
| Tippecanoe City .....         |                           |
| Scattering .....              |                           |
| Total .....                   | 3,126                     |

A report was sent out from Dayton, O., late this afternoon that the  
flooded business district, where thousands have been marooned in office  
buildings, hotels, and theatres since yesterday afternoon, is in flames. Upon  
receipt of this information Gov. Cox announced that he would leave Colum-  
bus at once with troops for Dayton on special trains and endeavor to reach  
the stricken city regardless of cost or effort.

There is no way of fighting the fire. Persons in burning buildings in  
the flooded districts must jump into the flood or make their way to ad-  
joining buildings. Two different contradictory reports of the fire have  
sifted out of Dayton. One reads:

"There has been an explosion in the middle of Day-  
ton. The town is on fire and the loss of life has been  
increased. People are burning up, and we have no way  
to get to them or to the fire either."

The other message reached Gov. Cox at Columbus at 2:47 o'clock  
(Western time). It stated that the entire business section of the city  
appeared to be doomed to destruction by fire despite the fact that the  
streets are covered with from nine to twenty feet of water.

## GOVERNOR OF OHIO GOES TO DAYTON.

The Governor immediately gave orders that a special train be made  
up to be loaded with provisions and soldiers. He planned to leave Colum-  
bus at 4:30 o'clock for Cleveland. From Cleveland, according to the  
route laid out by railroad experts, the train will go to Toledo and from  
there try to get to Piqua or Troy.

If there is no railroad from Troy into Dayton the Governor plans to  
go by boat or raft across the flooded country. While the situation through-  
out the State is serious enough, the Governor regards conditions at Dayton  
as appalling.

## 2,000 REPORTED DEAD IN DAYTON.

The last bulletin from Dayton before the fire news stated that investi-  
gation had established that the original estimates of deaths were more re-  
liable than the revised figures, which had cut the list of fatalities down

## President Wilson's Appeal for Aid

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The following appeal in  
connection with the floods in the Middle Western States  
was issued to-day by President Wilson:

"The terrible floods in Ohio and Indiana have as-  
sumed the proportions of a national calamity. Loss  
of life and the infinite suffering involved prompt me  
to issue an earnest appeal to all who are able, in how-  
ever small a way, to assist the labors of the American  
Red Cross, to send contributions at once to the Red  
Cross at Washington or to the local treasurers of the  
society.  
"We should make this a common cause. The needs  
of those upon whom this sudden and overwhelming  
disaster has come should quicken every one capable  
of sympathy and compassion to give immediate aid to  
those who are laboring to rescue and relieve."

"WOODROW WILSON"